

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

#502 9-6-02 DRS

pplicant(s): JOHNSTON et al.

Serial No.: 10/084,574

Filed: 2/27/2002

Title: POULTRY CHILLING AND AGING

METHOD AND APPARATUS

Attorney Docket No.: 02-298

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

.

3641

Examiner:

Group Art Unit:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

RECEIVED
AUG 1 5 2002
GROUP 3600

Dear Sir:

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted:

<u>X</u>	under 37 CFR 1.97(b), or
	(Within three months of filing national application; or date of entry of international application; or before mailing date of first office action on the merits; whichever occurs last)
	under 37 CFR 1.97(c) together with either a:  Statement under 37 CFR 1.97(e), or  a \$180.00 fee under 37 CFR 1.17(p), or  (After the CFR 1.97(b) time period, but before final action or notice of allowance, whichever occurs first)
	under 37 CFR 1.97(d) together with a:  Statement under 37 CFR 1.97(e), and a \$180.00 fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p).  (Filed after final action or notice of allowance, whichever occurs first, but before payment of the issue fee)

X Applicant(s) submit herewith Form PTO 1449-Information Disclosure Citation together with copies, of patents, publications or other information of which applicant(s) are aware, which applicant(s) believe(s) may be material to the examination of this application and for which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56.

The relevance of the attached references is that this is the closest art of which Applicant is aware.

Applicant submits that the above references taken alone or in combination neither anticipate nor render obvious the present invention. Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested.

It is requested that the information disclosed herein be made of record in this application.

Respectfully submitted,

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

Date of Deposit: Aug. 6, 200 >
Typed Name: CAROL WELCH

Typed Name: CAROL WELCH

DENNIS D. BROWN

Attorney/Agent for Applicant(s)

Reg. No. 33559

Date: AUGUST \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2002

Telephone No.: 918/599-0621

161165.1

PTO/SB/08A (10-01)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB

Subst	itute for form 1	449A/P	то	Complete if Kn wn		
INI	FORMA	ATIC	ON DISCLOSURE	Application Number	10/084,574	
et.	ATERA	ENIT	BY APPLICANT	Filing Date	2/27/2002	
၂ ၁၊	AICIVI		DI APPLICANI	First Named Inventor	JOHNSTON et al.	
				Art Unit	3641	
	(use a	s many	sheets as necessary )	Examiner Name	Unknown	
Sheet	1	of	_1	Attorney Docket Number	02-298	

			U.S. PATE	IT DOCUMENTS		
Examiner Initials*	Cite	Document Number	Publication Date	Name of Patentee or	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant	
	No.1	Number-Kind Code <sup>2</sup> (if known)	MM-DD-YYYY	Applicant of Cited Document	Figures Appear	
	ÁΑ	US-3,240,026	3/15/1966	Van Dolah et al.		
·	вв	US-3,250,086	5/10/1966	Morris		
	СС	US-3,522,058	7/28/1970	Libby		
	DD	US-3,715,891	2/13/1973	Martin		
	EE	US-4,388,811	6/21/1983	Zebarth		
	FF	US-4,593,435	6/10/1986	Martin, et al.		
	GG	US-4,849,237	7/18/1989	Hurst	BEO P	
	нн	US-5,178,890	1/12/1993	van den Nieuwelaar	····	Fr
	11	US-5,478,584	12/26/1995	Donohue, et al.	140	
	IJ	US-5,595,066	1/21/1997	Zwanikken, et al.	AUG 1 5 2	N2
	KK	US-5,868,000	2/9/1999	Morris, et al.	CDO	Uζ
	님	US-5,939,115	8/17/1999	Kounev, et al.	GEOIDA	220
		US-				OU(I)
		US-				- 0
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				

	FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
Examiner Initials*	Cite	Foreign Patent Document			Publication Date	Name of Patentee or	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages	Π
	No.	Country Code <sup>3</sup>	-Number⁴	-Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (if known)	MM-DD-YYYY	Applicant of Cited Document	or Relevant Figures Appear	Т
								┞
						<u> </u>		t
	-							╀
								L
								L
								╀

Examiner	Date	
Signature	Considered	

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). \*See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at <a href="www.upsto.gov">www.upsto.gov</a> or MPEP 901.04. \*Set To Patent Documents at <a href="www.upsto.gov">www.upsto.gov</a> or MPEP 901.04. \*Set To Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. \*Skind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. \*Applicant is to place a check mark here if English leaves to Translation is attended.

English language Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.